

Provisional Vital Statistics for July 2017

Live Births decreased in July as 6,377 Missouri babies were born compared with 6,635 born one year earlier. Cumulative births for the 7- and 12-month periods ending with July also both decreased. For January-July, births decreased by 3.0 percent from 42,982 to 41,706.

Deaths increased slightly in July as 4,883 Missourians died compared with 4,831 in July 2016. Deaths also increased for the 7- and 12-month periods ending with July. For January-July, there were 36,312 Missouri resident deaths or 3.9 percent more than the 34,936 for the similar time period in 2016.

The **Natural Increase** in July for Missourians was 1,494 (6,377 births minus 4,883 deaths). With the decrease in births and increase in deaths, the natural increase declined sharply for both the 7- and 12-month periods ending with July. For the 12 months ending with July, the natural increase declined by 21.6 percent from 15,549 to 12,188.

Marriages decreased for all three time periods shown below. For the cumulative 12 months ending with July, marriages decreased from 41,675 to 41,107.

Dissolutions of Marriage increased in July and for the 12 months ending with July, but decreased from 11,589 to 11,256 for January-July. For the 12 months ending with July, the marriage to divorce ratio decreased from 2.14 to 2.09.

Infant Deaths decreased in July as 32 Missouri infants died compared with 38 in July of 2016. For the 12 months ending with July, the infant death rate decreased from 6.8 to 6.1 per 1,000 live births.

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<u>Item</u>	<u>July</u>				<u>January-July Cumulative</u>				<u>12 months ending with July</u>				
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Live Births	6,635	6,377	12.9	12.3	42,982	41,706	12.1	11.8	74,686	73,388	12.4	12.3	12.0
Deaths	4,831	4,883	9.4	9.4	34,936	36,312	9.9	10.2	59,137	61,200	9.9	9.7	10.0
Natural increase	1,804	1,494	3.5	2.9	8,046	5,394	2.3	1.5	15,549	12,188	2.5	2.6	2.0
Marriages	3,985	3,862	7.7	7.4	22,589	21,949	6.4	6.2	41,675	41,107	6.7	6.8	6.7
Dissolutions	1,456	1,483	2.8	2.9	11,589	11,256	3.3	3.2	19,463	19,664	3.2	3.2	3.2
Infant deaths	38	32	5.7	5.0	302	261	7.0	6.3	509	449	6.3	6.8	6.1
Population base (in thousands)	....	....	6,093	6,110	....	....	6,093	6,110	....	....	6,070	6,086	6,103

* Rates for live births, deaths, natural increase, marriages and dissolutions are computed on the number per 1,000 estimated population. The infant death rate is based on the number of infant deaths per 1,000 live births. Beginning with provisional July 2006 data numbers and rates are based on month of event rather than month of report. This will result in a delay in reporting, but will more accurately reflect current trends.

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